

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6860

Petitions of Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.)
(VELCO), Vermont Transco LLC, Green Mountain)
Power Corporation (GMP), and Central Vermont Public)
Service Corporation for a certificate of public good,)
pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, authorizing VELCO)
to construct the so-called Northwest Vermont Reliability)
Project, said project to include: (1) upgrades at 12)
existing VELCO and GMP substations located in)
Charlotte, Essex, Hartford, New Haven, North)
Ferrisburgh, Poultney, Shelburne, South Burlington,)
Vergennes, West Rutland, Williamstown, and Williston,)
Vermont; (2) the construction of a new 345 kV)
transmission line from West Rutland to New Haven; (3))
the reconstruction of a portion of a 34.5 kV and 46 kV)
transmission line from New Haven to South Burlington;)
and (4) the reconductoring of a 115 kV transmission line)
from Williamstown to Barre, Vermont –)

Order entered: 6/7/2007

ORDER RE MODIFICATION OF GRANITE SUBSTATION PLANS

On June 9, 2006, the Public Service Board ("Board") approved the final construction and landscape plans for the expansion of the Granite substation. On May 16, 2007, Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., and Vermont Transco, LLC (collectively "VELCO"), filed a letter requesting modifications to the design of the substation. The requested modifications consist of changing a pole structure immediately outside of the substation from a two-pole tangent to a three-pole angle structure, and the use of a temporary line during construction. Additionally, VELCO's May 16 filing states that it will need to clear additional vegetation outside the substation and will report to the Board regarding clearing and aesthetic mitigation alternatives.

On May 25, 2007, the Board issued a memorandum establishing a deadline for comments. On June 5, 2007, the Department of Public Service ("Department") filed a letter

stating that it has no engineering concerns with VELCO's modified plans for the substation. The Department's letter also discusses aesthetic mitigation for the area. No other party filed comments regarding VELCO's proposed modifications.

The Board approves the modifications to the Granite substation as reflected on the plans filed with the Board on May 16, 2007. At this time, the Board has not received any filing from VELCO regarding clearing and aesthetic mitigation alternatives. Therefore, VELCO must file, for Board approval, an updated plan showing the clearing and proposed aesthetic mitigation for the Granite substation. We will rule on that plan after parties have had an opportunity to comment.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 7th day of June, 2007.

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s/ David C. Coen)	BOARD
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s/ John D. Burke)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: June 7, 2007

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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